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375th AIRLIFT WING SAYS GOODBYE TO THE C-9A NIGHTINGALE AIRCRAFT

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. – A ceremony to inactivate the 375th Maintenance Group and the 11th Airlift Squadron will be held here at 9 a.m. on Sept 30.

The inactivation of the group and squadron comes as a result of the C-9A Nightingale's retirement from active duty.

The C-9 retirement from active duty is the result of the Secretary of Defense's Force Structure Announcement made in late July to retire all C-9As from the Air Force's inventory.

One of the remaining two C-9As will depart for its final flight to the Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz on Oct. 1. It is tail number 584 and the first C9A to land at Scott AFB in 1968. The other C9A is expected to transfer to the 932nd Airlift Wing located at Scott AFB, pending amendment of the Defense Appropriations Bill.

In addition to covering the ceremony, a limited number of seats will be available for media to fly on the last C-9A mission from Scott AFB to Davis-Monthan AFB on Oct 1. The seats will be assigned on a first- come, first-serve basis. Media is invited to attend this historic event, as well.

If you are interested in covering the Inactivation/C-9 Ceremony and the Media Flight to Davis-Monthan, contact TSgt Horton at 256-4241 (during duty hours) or at 256-5891 (after duty hours) no later than Sept 25. Please note that the media is responsible for expenses associated with the return flight from Davis-Monthan AFB. Showtime for the ceremony on Sept 30th is promptly 8:15 at the Shiloh Gate.